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RCA	Austin City Council	Item ID	6390
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Meeting Date:	5/26/2011	Department:	Austin Water Utility
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Subject

Adopt an ordinance consenting to the annexation of approximately 64 acres into Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10 (WCID No. 10) for the provision of water service and allowing out-of-district service to and future annexation of one single-family residential property; and waiving Article 2 of Chapter 25-9 of the City Code.

Amount and Source of Funding

There is no fiscal impact. The landowner or WCID No. 10 will incur all expenses with regard to water service by WCID No. 10.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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Additional Backup Information

On August 30, 1990, the City of Austin (Austin) entered into a wholesale water agreement with WCID No. 10. WCID No. 10 is located entirely within Travis County, part of the City of West Lake Hills (West Lake Hills) and Austin. Article IX of WCID No. 10's contract with Austin requires the prior consent of the Austin City Council for WCID No. 10 to expand its service boundary, by annexing additional land into the District, as well as providing water service outside of WCID No. 10's boundary.

The Ridgewood Village Water System (Ridgewood) located entirely in West Lake Hills and adjacent to WCID No. 10, is a water supply corporation that currently serves 95 single-family residential customers. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued multiple notices of violation to Ridgewood regarding water quality and infrastructure inadequacies. The owner and customers of Ridgewood, and West Lake Hills requested WCID No. 10 acquire Ridgewood to provide water service that meets TCEQ standards. In order for WCID No. 10 to annex the property and apply its ad valorem tax for the operation and maintenance of Ridgewood, landowners must agree to be

annexed. Of the 95 current customers located in Ridgewood, 94 have agreed to be annexed, and WCID No. 10 agrees to provide out-of-district water service to the un-annexed 95th property, 16 Sugar Shack Drive, West Lake Hills, Texas (16 Sugar Shack Drive). In both cases, WCID No. 10 will recover its full cost for acquiring and improving Ridgewood's infrastructure. WCID No. 10 has requested Austin's consent to the annexation of approximately 64 acres into WCID No. 10 and the provision of out-of-district water service to one single-family residential property.

Ridgewood's water quality and infrastructure inadequacies create public health concerns. The best way to alleviate the public health concerns is to allow WCID No. 10 to as quickly as possible annex the property, or provide out-of-district service, as applicable. Austin Water Utility (AWU) has reviewed, and recommends, the proposal for utility service by WCID No. 10. The Planning and Development Review Department (PDRD) has also reviewed, and recommends, the proposal, because Ridgewood is entirely in the city limits of West Lake Hills and so there is no potential for Austin to annex it. Therefore, AWU and PDRD recommend that the more formal application requirements of the City Code, Chapter 25-9, Article 2 (*Water Districts*) be waived.